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		First Named Inventor	Andrew Kaplan
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee(\$)	Small Entity	Fee(\$)	Small Entity	Fee(\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	300	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	500	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Small Entity
Fee(\$) Fee(\$)

50 25

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims

Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

- 20 or HP = x =

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims

Extra Claims Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

Multiple Dependent Claims

Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$)

- 3 or HP = x =

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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity)

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Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEES

Non-English Specifications, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: Five Month Extension of Time

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